



Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex

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FIRE UPDATE, Saturday August 18, 2012 (See maps for locations):

Elbow Pass Complex Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Lewis and Clark National Forest, 18,906 Acres - The Elbow Pass Complex is comprised of five different lightning ignitions from July 12 through July 31. These four fires have merged into one fire, the Elbow Pass Complex: Triple Divide Fire, Rapid Creek Fire, Elbow Pass Fire, and Bar Creek Fire. The fires are generally located 25 miles west southwest of Augusta, Montana. The Falls Point fire is south of the Complex. All are located in inaccessible terrain in heavy fuels. The fires are in the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness Areas and are on three forests.

On the Lewis & Clark National Forest 15,533 acres have burned, on the Lolo National Forest 203 acres, on the Flathead National Forest 2,889 acres and the Falls Point Fire 281 acres on Lolo National Forest. This makes up a total of 18,906 acres for the current Elbow Pass Complex.

A Fire Use Module (firefighters) have been assigned to the Benchmark Trail Head for fire monitoring and for initial attack as needed. Fire growth was small in the general west/south west area of the fire.

Today's Planned Activities: A Fire Use Module (firefighters) have been assigned to the Benchmark Trail Head for fire monitoring and for initial attack as needed. Continue with Initial Attack responsibilities on Forest as requested. Continue structure protection and visitor contacts at Danaher, Basin, Welcome Creek, Pretty Prairie Cabins, and Benchmark Trailhead. Visitor contacts at Danaher Cabin cannot occur as the cabin is within the area closure. <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3066/>

Prisoner Lake Fire Spotted Bear Ranger District, Flathead National Forest - The Fire was detected on July 30, 2012 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, Spotted Bear Ranger District. This fire is being managed for suppression. The fire received precipitation on 8-15-12. The fire continues to smolder and creep through the brush above Molly Creek. There was no significant increase in acreage in the past 24 hours. The fire has burned 4080 acres. This Fire transitioned from a Type 3 fire to a Type 4 fire (less activity and less complex fire) on 8-16-12 at 6:00 p.m. This will be the last update until conditions and/or fire behavior significantly changes. Fire history and past information is at: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3065/>

Falls Point Fire Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, 203 Acres — This fire is located entirely within the Scapegoat Wilderness, approximately two miles north of the Forest Service cabin at North Fork. Fire behavior primarily creeping and smoldering with occasional single tree torching. Planned actions are to monitor fire growth and spread. The fire engulfed the old Falls Point Lookout and burned it up; this tower had not been a subject of protection because of its decrepit condition. As of 0600 August 16th the Falls Point Fire has been added to the Elbow Pass Complex and the Lewis & Clark FS Type 3 team has accepted responsibility for it. <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3067/>